



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road
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Representative Town Meeting

Representatives Jeffrey Armstrong, Joseph Baril, Lori Bartinik, Genevieve Cerf, Wayne Chiapperini, Michael Collins, Joseph delaCruz, Luanne DeMatto, Debra Dickey, Susan Dowling, Shirley Dunbar-Rose, George Edwards Jr, Suzanne Elliot, Robert Garcia, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Barbara Hoelck, David Miner, Nancy Mitchell, Deborah Monteiro, Matt Morton, Scott Newsome, Nora Patterson, Darcy Peruzzotti, Kevin Power, Don Pratt, Rita Schmidt, Jack Sebastian, Jennifer Smuts, Eleanor Steere, Fritz Stein, Joan Steinfeld, Irma Streeter, Mark Svencer, George Swift, Patricia Thunberg, Tom Vivirito, Robert Walker Sr, John Waller and Elizabeth Weil.

Wednesday, December 08, 2004

7:30 PM

Senior Center

Regular Meeting

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2004**
- D. CITIZENS' PETITIONS**
- E. RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS**
- F. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:**
 - 1. Financial report**
 - 2. Monthly briefing**
- G. LIAISON REPORTS**
 - 1. Town Council - Rep. Cerf**
 - 2. Economic Development Commission - Rep. Schmidt**
 - 3. Town Council/Board of Education Liaison Committee - Rep. Patterson**
 - 4. Permanent School Building Committee - Rep. Miner**
 - 5. P.B.F.D. Consolidation Review Committee - Reps. Steinfeld & Svencer**
 - 6. Economic Development Strategic Planning Steering Committee - Reps. Dowling & Mitchell**
 - 7. Shellfish Task Force - Rep. Svencer**
- H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - 1. FINANCE**
 - a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Schmidt**
 - 2. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
 - a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Dickey**

3. EDUCATION

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Newsome

2004-0324 Revenue Proposal for English as a Second Language

REVENUE PROPOSAL FOR ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Legislative History

11/10/04 Representative Town Meeting Referred RTM Education Committee
The Moderator referred to a report from Norwich Public Schools titled "A Proposal for Increased Revenue." She would like the Education Committee to look at the proposal to determine if it might be useful to the Town of Groton in raising funds for its "English as a Second Language Program."

4. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman DeMatto

5. RECREATION

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman delaCruz

2004-0281 Groton Community Events Fund

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE GROTON COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton needs to provide start-up money for the Groton Tercentennial Celebration, and

WHEREAS, there is currently a fund balance of \$18,000 from previous appropriations to the Community Events Fund, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the amount of \$43,000 is hereby appropriated to be spent from the Community Events Fund, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of \$25,000 is hereby transferred from General Contingency (Function 1074) to the Groton Community Events Fund (10774).

Refer to RTM.

Legislative History

9/21/04	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of tl
10/12/04	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

Director of Finance Sal Pandolfo noted this is a two-part request. First, although the Town Council appropriated \$25,000 to this fund, the transfer from the General Fund was never made so Mr. Pandolfo is requesting a transfer from General Contingency. The second request is to increase the funding to \$43,000, with the difference coming from this fund's fund balance.

Councilor Billing spoke with Duncan Stoddard, who indicated they would not need any additional funds because they would be doing fundraising. The Town Manager explained that the funds have been set aside for this purpose, but they haven't been authorized for expenditure. Mr. Stoddard is indicating that the funds that have already been set aside are sufficient.

10/12/04	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Motion
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that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution

10/19/04	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
10/19/04	Town Council	Adopted and Referred	Representative Town Meeting
11/10/04	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Parks & Recreation Cor

6. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Vivirito

7. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Collins

2004-0289 Reauthorization of Funding and Authorization of Additional Funding for Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND EXTENDING APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 233 at referendum on November 5, 1996, which appropriated \$10,388,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for additions and improvements to the Water Pollution Control Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town approved Ordinance No. 242 at referendum on May 23, 2000, which appropriated an additional \$5,112,000 for the project and included in the project facilities to remove nitrogen from the wastewater and authorized borrowing in the same amount, for an aggregate appropriation and borrowing authorization of \$15,500,000;

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter provides that any appropriation for construction or other permanent improvement which has not been completely expended at the end of five years from the date thereof shall thereupon lapse;

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has reported that the additions and improvements to the Water Pollution Control Facility for which said appropriation was made cannot reasonably be completed, and the entire amount of said appropriation cannot be expended by the end of five years from the effective date of the last appropriating ordinance and has recommended that said appropriation be extended by reappropriating that portion of the \$15,500,000 which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified that whatever portion of said appropriation is extended may be financed by grants and Town general obligation bonds previously approved;

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has recommended that the Town approve an additional appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the Water Pollution Control Facility project to be funded from a State grant, and the Director of Finance has certified that the State grant funds will be applied to fund the additional appropriation;

WHEREAS, the State has authorized in Section 40 of Public Act No. 04-1, May 2004 Special Session, an additional grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility additions and improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town to continue the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility additions and improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That any portion of said \$15,500,000 appropriation which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 233 and Ordinance No. 242, plus the portion which is reappropriated shall not exceed \$15,500,000; and

(b) That the appropriation and reappropriation for the Water Pollution Control Facility project approved in Ordinance Nos. 233 and 242 be increased by an additional \$2,000,000 for an aggregate appropriation of \$17,500,000, that said increase be funded from the State grant authorized by Public Act No. 04-1, and that said grants authorized by Public Act No. 04-1 be applied to fund said additional appropriation and not to reduce the \$15,500,000 borrowing authorization for the project.

Refer to RTM

Legislative History

9/28/04	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of tl
10/12/04	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
10/19/04	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
10/19/04	Town Council	Adopted and Referred	Representative Town Meeting
<p><i>Town Manager Oefinger explained that this item consists of two parts. The first is authorization for the increase of \$2,000,000 which is a State grant. The second is the extension of the original \$15,500,000 because the project will not be completed by the expiration of the original appropriation.</i></p> <p><i>Councilors Skrmetti and Billing clarified that the delay and increased cost is not the fault of the Town, but is due to difficulties in negotiations with the State.</i></p> <p><i>Councilor Sheets added that the upgrade will take the nitrogen out of the effluent that is being discharged in the Thames River, which will benefit Long Island Sound.</i></p>			
11/10/04	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Public Works Committe

8. RULES & PROCEDURES

a. Chairman's notes of the business of the Town - Chairman Weil

I. OTHER BUSINESS

J. ADJOURNMENT